

# **Arizona Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability**

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# Overview



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# Background



- Arizona's SCIP Strategic Initiative #12 is to: "Create and Implement an Education and Outreach Plan in Support of Interoperable Communications."
- The PSIC Office developed the Statewide Education and Outreach Plan Regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability, to be reviewed annually. The Plan:
  - Provides information and resources to policy makers and practitioners about interoperable communications initiatives and directives that impact the State.
  - Encourages participation and gives direction to stakeholders for supporting education and outreach activities.
  - Is intended for all Arizona stakeholders (not just PSIC staff) to use as a resource for their outreach efforts.

# Plan Structure



- The 2011 Plan was approved by PSCC on April 19, 2011 and is available online at: [www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/](http://www.azpsic.gov/initiatives/).
- The Outreach Plan is comprised of seven sections:
  1. Introduction
  2. Goals
  3. Fundamental Messages
  4. Outreach Tactics
  5. Stakeholder Roles
  6. Targeted Interoperability Topics
  7. Next Steps

# Annual Review & Update



- The PSIC Office has completed the annual review and update to the Plan to incorporate interoperable communications priorities for 2012.
- The Draft Plan was posted on the PSIC website and emailed to interested parties in May for a 2 week comment period.
- The PSIC Office reviewed comments and made additional revisions; the approval draft (see handout) was posted on June 2, 2012.
- Note: *Appendix A: SCIP Strategic Initiatives And Objectives* will be updated to reflect the 2012 SCIP Strategic Initiatives approved by the Commission today.

# Proposed Revisions



- Section 6, Targeted Interoperability Topics, was the focus for the revisions made. In the Plan, each Targeted Interoperability Topic is presented with background information and supporting materials.
- The Targeted Interoperability Topics in the 2011 Plan were:
  - FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
  - Interoperable Channel (National, Regional, AIRS, etc.) Usage
  - NECP Goals, CASM & TICPs
- Based on guidance from the Commission at the April PSCC meeting, and in consideration of stakeholder feedback and developments at the Federal/State levels, PSIC recommends updating the Targeted Interoperability Topics for 2012.

# Proposed Interoperability Topics



- ***RECOMMEND NO CHANGE:*** FCC Narrowbanding Compliance
  - Still of critical importance to stakeholders; additional resources were added to the 2012 Plan

- ***RECOMMEND COMBINING:***

- Interoperable Channel (National, Regional, AIRS, etc.) Usage
- NECP Goals, CASM & TICPs

Recommend Change to: NECP Gap Closure (Regional Interoperability Planning: CASM, TICPs & SCMPs, AIRS and Other Resources)

- Reflects progress in acceptance of interoperable channel planning
- Reflects need to emphasize channel planning, CASM, TICPs, and use of other resources in closing gaps identified in NECP Goal Two assessments

# Proposed Interoperability Topics, *cont.*



- ***RECOMMEND NEW KEY TOPIC:*** National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) *[Note: Identified by SAFECOM and NCSWIC as a strategic priority for 2012]*
  - Background provided: H.R. 3630 legislation creates the NPSBN; State involvement and PSIC Office Role defined
  - Important Message: Wireless broadband will supplement—not replace—land mobile radio (LMR) for voice communications
  - Many resources are available and identified in the Plan



# Next Steps



- If approved, the 2012 Statewide Education and Outreach Plan regarding Public Safety Communications Interoperability will be posted on the PSIC website and the final version will be sent to all interested parties.
- The PSIC Office will provide assistance for outreach efforts to interested agencies. For more information, contact Suesan Nordman at: [Suesan.Nordman@azdoa.gov](mailto:Suesan.Nordman@azdoa.gov).

***Questions? Comments?***

***Approval?***

**Thank You!**